EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF GENEVA WILSON PERRYMAN

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

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Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the legacy of public service and commitment to our communities of the late Geneva Wilson Perryman.

Geneva Wilson Perryman was known for the passion she shared for making her community a better place for all, and she constantly inspired her friends and family to remain active in their communities. Mrs. Wilson Perryman raised her five children in Detroit alongside her husband, Alex, to whom she had been married for 77 years. Everyone in the neighborhood knew if they were ever hungry, they could stop by and find Geneva on the porch, ready to welcome them to share in the meal of the day.

Mrs. Wilson Perryman was a teacher for nearly 40 years, serving as head teacher of Michigan Head Start at the end of her career. She valued civic engagement and she served as a poll watcher in local elections. She has received numerous awards and accolades for excellence in education and her hands-on actions in working to secure equal justice for all people in Detroit. Her pride in her community is evident throughout her seven decades of commitment to improving the quality of life for her all. She was an outspoken, feisty woman, and made it her mission to speak truth to power.

Please join me as we recognize Geneva Wilson Perryman's contributions to the families of the Detroit and Michigan's 13th Congressional District as we give honor to her memory.